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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KATSUMI KANEHIRA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LAU, T. S.
SERIAL NO: 09/774,621 ✓ :
FILED: FEBRUARY 1, 2001 ✓ : GROUP ART UNIT: 2863
FOR: DETERIORATION DIAGNOSTIC :
METHOD AND EQUIPMENT :
THEREOF ✓

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as shown in the attached marked-up claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A deterioration diagnosis method, comprising the steps of:

formulating a corrosion loss of a metallic material to exposure days under an
atmospheric condition as a function of environmental assessment points which represent a
level of harmfulness of said atmospheric condition; and
~~diagnosing a life-span of said metallic material based upon said corrosion loss~~
calculated by using said function.

2. (Amended) A deterioration diagnosis method, comprising the steps of:

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